

Agreed Minutes
of the Forth Governing Board Meeting
Regional Centre on Urban Water Management

Tehran-Iran
13 May 2006



The Forth Governing Board meeting was held in Tehran, 13 May 2006. The meeting was attended by the following honourable members:

Member States:

- **Afghanistan**
H.E. Mr. Al-haj Mohamad Ismael, Minister, Ministry of Energy and Water
- **Bangladesh**
H.E. Mr. Goutom Chakrabarty, State Minister, Ministry of Water Resources
- **India**
H.E. Mr. Saif-Ud-Din Soz, Minister of Water Resources
- **Iran**
H.E. Mr. Parviz Fattah, Chairman of the GB and Minister of Energy
Dr. Reza Ardakanian, Director of RCUWM-Tehran
- **Oman**
H.E. Mr. Abdullah bin Salem bin Amer Al Rawas, Minister of Regional Municipalities, Environment and Water Resources
- **Egypt**
Dr. Dalal Alnaggar, Representative of Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation
- **Germany**
Mr. Juergen Heidborn and Mr Dehnad, Representatives of Ministry of Education and Research
- **Kuwait**
Mr. Khalid Al Farhoud, Representative of Ministry of Energy
- **Lebanon**
Mr. Hassan Jafar, Representative of Ministry of Energy and Water
- **Syria**
Mr. Abdulnaser Saadeddin, Representative of Ministry of Housing and Construction

Organisations:

- **UNESCO**
Mr. A. Tejada Guibert, Representative of Director General in the GB
Mr. Abdin Salih, Director, UNESCO Tehran Cluster Office
- **UNESCO-IHE**
Mr. Maarten Blokland, Deputy Director
- **The International Water Academy**
Mr. Ulf Arne Gurgens, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

- 1- The meeting was officially opened by H.E. Mr. Fattah, Minister of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran and the Chairperson of the Governing Board.

The Chairman welcomed all the participants of the Governing Board Meeting. H.E. Mr Fattah briefed the participants on the I. R Iran's policies in the field of water management. He also pointed out the importance of the countries' collaboration to confront water management challenges through promoting the Centre's activities. The Chairman also proposed the following issues to be discussed and reiterated during the GB Meeting.

- 1-1- To adopt practical mechanisms to support financial resources for implementing projects approved by the GB and to determine the procedure required to hold the Donors Conference.
- 1-2- Providing qualified staff for the Project Generation Unit (PGU) and supplying required financial resources.
- 1-3- Holding the International Conference on "Water Resources Management in the Islamic Countries" every three years in one of the Islamic Countries under the title of "Water Forum in Islamic World-WFIW" by establishing a permanent Secretariat in RCUWM-Tehran by receiving GB members' contribution members.

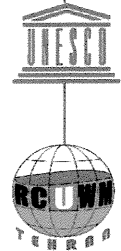
It is well worth noting that the first event will be held in February 2007 in contribution with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO).

- 2- UNESCO's remarks were delivered by Mr. Tejada-Guibert, representative of Director General of UNESCO in GB.

UNESCO representative stated that water is considered as the main priority in UNESCO's activities. The performance of RCUWM-Tehran and RCTWS-Cairo has encouraged UNESCO to establish new Centres throughout the world in order to promote regional cooperation.

He also mentioned that the International Hydrologic Programme (IHP) has special focus on Urban Water Management issues particularly in the field of Integrated Urban Water Management in different climatic regions.

- 3- All distinguished members of the GB presented their viewpoints on their countries and organizations policies and strategies in Water Management issues as well as activities carried out by RCUWM-Tehran.

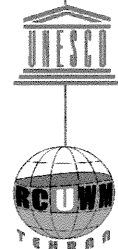


The highlights were as follows:

- 3-1- Emphasizing the role of water in sustainable development as well as sustainable supply of water requirements for urban and rural purposes.
- 3-2- The necessity for supporting RCUWM's activities as a regional entity was emphasised.
- 3-3- Water should be considered as one of the most important aspects for promoting peace, security and regional collaboration.
- 3-4- Afghanistan's urgent requirement to control and regulate water resources for supplying potable, agricultural and other requirements were mentioned.
- 3-5- Afghanistan appreciated the contribution made by Iran and UNESCO (Japanese Fund in Trust, JFID) in Afghanistan reconstruction projects. Further supports were requested from Iran, UNESCO and the world society.
- 3-6- It was recommended to have the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management-Tehran involved in trans-boundary water issues.
- 3-7- Promotion of coordination among International Governmental and non Governmental organizations was recommended.
- 3-8- It was stated that RCUWM-Tehran could act as an effective bridge for developing cooperation between European and regional Countries in the water sector.
- 3-9- To compile a work plan for the Centre focusing on joint contribution for meeting the Millennium Development Goals was highlighted.
- 3-10- Dialogue between politicians and experts and other civil societies for solving conflicts in the field of Water Management was stated to be essential.

4- The draft agenda was put on the floor and it was unanimously adopted as follows:

- Opening
 - a. Director of the Centre (Welcoming)
 - b. Chairman of the GB (Opening Speech)
 - c. UNESCO Representative (Opening Speech)
 - d. Remarks by GB Members
 - e. Adoption of Agenda
- Director's Report on implemented activities in 2005, budget and work plan of 2006
- Comments and approval of the Director's Report
- Financial resources and fund raising
- Governing Board Member's Commitments
- Project Generation Unit of the Centre
- Proposal for establishing RCUWM branch in Europe
- Other issues
- Date of the 5th GBM
- Closing remarks



5- Director's report, "activities, achievements and budget for 2005 and work plan for 2006" was delivered by the Director of the Centre, Dr. Reza Ardakanian

The director briefed the participants of the meeting on the activities, projects, workshops, seminars, and training courses held during 2005 and the events which is being organized to be held in 2006.

The report was approved and the following suggestions were proposed:

5-1- It was proposed to hold relevant technical events included in RCUWM-Tehran workplan in other member countries

5-1- To consider rotation in RCUWM-Tehran Executive Committee Members.

5-2-To include Islamic and non Islamic Countries as participants of the International Conference in Water Management which is to be held in February 2007 in cooperation with ISESCO.

5-3- The continuation of the Training of Trainers Expert Group Meeting on Integrated Urban Water Management should be included in 2006 workplan.

5-4- To hold future GB meetings in other member countries of RCUWM-Tehran.

5-6- In respect to the Donors Conference the following decisions were made:

- The Conference will be held in 2007
- A Committee consisting of RCUWM-Tehran, UNESCO and The International Water Academy as well as Afghanistan will follow up the procedure.
- The venue for the Donors Conference will be in UNESCO Headquarters.
- The members will decide about the final projects to be forwarded to the Donors Conference.

5-7- It was proposed to hold the International Water and Wastewater Exhibition back to back to one of RCUWM future events.

6- Project Generation Unit

6-1- The representative of Bangladesh confirmed dispatching one Officer for the Project Generation unit by covering relevant costs.

7- Proposal for establishing RCUWM branch in Europe

BMBF representative supported the proposal of a RCUWM-Tehran branch in Europe. The office could be located in Hamburg .Other members states have been invited to financially contribute .BMBF could provide 50 percent of the costs of running such an office in Germany.

It was decided to elaborate on this issue later in the next Executive Committee and to report to the 5th Governing Board Meeting for a final decision to be made.



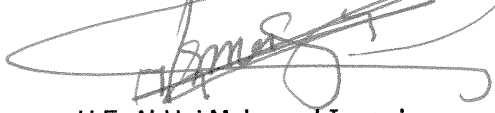
8- Venue and date of the 5th GB Meeting,

The offer to host the 5th GB meeting is open to all GB members. Correspondances will be made to all the GB members to receive their suggestions in this respect. The date of the 5th GBM will be left to the Executive Committee.

9- Closing remarks.

The closing remarks were presented by the H.E. Fattah. The Chairman appreciated all the efforts taken by Mr Bitaraf, Ex-Chairman of the GB. He deeply thanked all the participants of the meeting for their effective presence and contribution.

All members attending the Fourth Governing Board meeting expressed their appreciation for attending the board meeting and further expressed their gratitude for the hospitality shown during their stay in the Islamic Republic of Iran.



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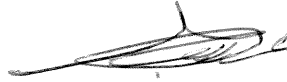
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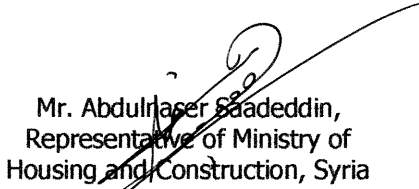




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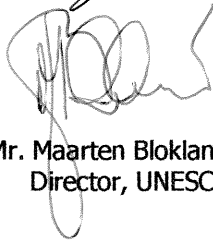
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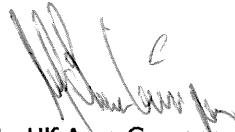
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